

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**Agenda Number:**  
**Prepared on:** 12/11/01  
**Department Name:** Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health  
**Department No.:** 043  
**Agenda Date:** 2/12/02  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimate Time:**  
**Continued Item:** NO  
**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** James L. Broderick, Ph.D., Director  
Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services (ADMHS)

**STAFF CONTACT:** Carrie Topliffe, ADMHS Fiscal Services Contract Division Chief  
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**SUBJECT:** Contract for Children's Mental Health Services with Sojourn Services , Inc.

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## **Recommendation(s):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Approve and execute a contract for Children's Mental Health Services with Sojourn, Inc., a Santa Barbara County service provider, for a total contract amount of \$263,592 for the contract period of January 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002.

## **Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:**

The recommendation(s) are primarily aligned with Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

## **Executive Summary and Discussion:**

ADMHS and Sojourn Services, Inc. are combining their resources to create a unique partnership to provide needed early intervention services to children and their families throughout Santa Barbara County. The proposed agreement requires Sojourn to provide mental health services to full scope Medi-Cal eligible clients and will focus on children in the target population of birth – 5 years of age, at no cost to ADMHS. These services include assessment, individual and group therapy, individual and group rehabilitation, case management and behavioral interventions. Clients are referred to Sojourn by the County MISC program, Head Start programs, and schools. Services will be provided at the agency site, in the client's home, or in the community, as determined to best meet the specific needs of the child. The goal of the program is to serve as an alternative to placement in a more restrictive setting, to maintain the individual in a community setting and to provide services that will allow for a smooth transition to traditional community childcare, Head Start, or community preschool, and eventually to kindergarten.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Mental Health Services are mandated by the Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5600.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

The proposed contract has no facilities impact and there is no impact to the General Fund.

The contract maximum of \$263,592 is for a six (6)-month contract period. As a service provider for ADMHS, Sojourn's authorized services to Medi-Cal eligible clients are billable to Medi-Cal (for FFP) and EPSDT and thus are fully reimbursable to ADMHS. A fifteen percent (15%) administration fee is being charged by ADMHS for processing the Medi-Cal billing for Sojourn. The cost for services provided to any uninsured children will be absorbed by Sojourn.

**Special Instructions:**

Please send two fully executed copies of original contract and signature page and one (1) copy of the Minute Order to:

Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Service  
Attn: Brandy Tulloh  
300 San Antonio Road  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Concurrence:**

Auditor-Controller  
County Counsel  
Risk Management